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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION COMDT COGARD WASHDC INFO SECSTATE  
WASHDC, DIRECTOR NMFS WASHDC, COMPACAREA COGARD SAN FRANCISCO,  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR NMFS AK REGION JUNEAU FROM CCGDSEVENTEEN JUNEAU  
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JA TZ VIOLATION UMNAK ISLAND

A. CCGD17(OIL)-COMDT(G-000-4) PHONECON 211930Z MAR 74

1. PRESS RELEASE BY GOVERNOR EGAN CONCERNING SUBJ CASE QUOTED BELOW  
FOR INFO AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR COGARD RESPONSE TO  
POSSIBLE ACTIONS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN BY STATE OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENT  
TO F/V EBISU MARU NR88 AND USCGC MIDGETT ARRIVAL AT KODIAK  
(ANTICIPATED MORNING 23 MAR 74).

2. VOICE OF GOVERNOR EGAN:

"THE STATE MAY TAKE LEGAL ACTION OF ITS OWN IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
ANY FEDERAL PROSECUTION AGAINST THE SKIPPER AND OWNER OF A JAPANESE  
FISHING TRAWLER SEIZED LATE TUESDAY FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF  
TERRITORIAL AND STATE WATERS IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLAND CHAIN.

"THE VESSEL, REPORTEDLY WITH FISHING GEAR IN ACTION BARELY TWO  
MILES OFF SHORE, WAS SEIZED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD NEAR UMNAK ISLAND.

THE VESSEL, THE EBISU MARU NR88, WAS ITSELF OUTSIDE THE THREE MILE  
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LIMIT BUT ONE OF ITS LINES, STRINGING HOOKS FOR SEVERAL MILES, WAS

FISHING IN ALASKA TERRITORIAL WATERS. THIS INTRUSION, COMING ON TOP OF SO MANY CONTINUING ASSAULTS BY THE JAPANESE ON ALASKA FISHERIES STOCKS, IS A BLATANT VIOLATION AGAINST THE STATE. THEREFORE, AS GOVERNOR, I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE

STATE OFFICIALS TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO DEVELOPING THE FACTS AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED SO THAT VIGOROUS STATE LEGAL ACTION CAN BE PURSUED IF POSSIBLE. MAXIMUM PENALTIES UNDER STATE LAW FOR CONVICTION OF SUCH A VIOLATION ARE A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE, A YEARS IMPRISONMENT, AND FORFEITURE OF THE VESSEL. AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE THE JAPANESE HAVE CAUSED IN THE ALASKA SALMON FISHERY, THE STATE ADMINISTRATION WILL EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT THE MOST STRINGENT PENALTIES POSSIBLE ARE IMPOSED FOR THIS VIOLATION OF STATE WATERS."

3. ALASKA ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORTEDLY CONTACTED U.S. ATTORNEY ANCHORAGE CONCERNING THIS MATTER P.M. 20 MAR 74. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY FRED WOLDSTAD (DIRECTOR OF PROTECTION, ALASKA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY) THIS DATE, CCGD17(OIL) REFERRED MR. WOLDSTAD TO U.S. ATTORNEY ANCHORAGE FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING F/V EBISU MARU NR88 INCIDENT. UNQUOTE  
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